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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT -- CALL BY AMB. MWALE

1) AMB. MWALE CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE
APRIL 14 BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR ZAMBIA. HE PLANS TO
REACH LUSAKA APRIL 18 TO PARTICIPATE IN SECRETARY'S VISIT.
FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS WERE COVERED:

2) VISIT: SEELYE NOTED ZAMBIA LEG WOULD BE ONE OF HIGH
POINTS OF TRIP AND THAT SECRETARY WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS
(A) U.S. GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND HOW THEY AFFECT OUR
INTERESTS IN AFRICA; (B) SPECIFIC SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES
(ANGOLA, RHODESIA, ETC.); AND (C) U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
TO ZAMBIA. SEELYE SAID DETAILS OF VISIT WERE STILL NOT
FIRM BUT THAT PRESENT ITINERARY HAD SECRETARY REACHING
LUSAKA FROM DAR AT 5:20 PM ON APRIL 26 AND DEPARTING
FOR KINSHASA (POSSIBLY OVERFLYING VICTORIA FALLS) LATE
FOLLOWING AFTERNOON.) DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON WILL
ACCOMPANY SECRETARY AND WILL MEET SEPARATELY WITH ZAMBIAN
OFFICIALS ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES,
IN ADDITION TO PARTICIPATING IN SECRETARY'S MEETINGS.
MWALE SAID THERE WERE NO SPECIAL SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSIONS
HE WANTED TO CALL TO OUR ATTENTION, BUT SAID HE KNEW
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SECRETARY AWARE OF ZAMBIA'S DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION

AND THAT GRZ CONSIDERS VISIT VERY TIMELY.

3) ZAMBIAN/ANGOLAN RELATIONS: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM SEELYE RE GRZ INTENTIONS ON RECOGNIZING MPLA, MWALE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN DE JURE RELATIONS MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED. ZAMBIA HAS NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH MPLA BUT FEELS NETO MUST INCLUDE UNITA IN GOVERNMENT. IF HE DOES NOT, UNITA WILL GO UNDERGROUND IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA, GUERRILLA WAR WILL INTENSIFY AND NETO WILL HAVE TO DEPEND MORE HEAVILY ON SOVIETS AND CUBANS. ZAMBIA, HE CONCLUDED, WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED INTO RECOGNIZING MPLA BUT HE REPEATED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN RECOGNITION MIGHT OCCUR -- BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT. MWALE ALSO STATED ZAMBIA WOULD NOT ALLOW UNITA TO OPERATE OUT OF ZAMBIAN BASES.

4) RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA: MWALE REFERRED TO KAUNDA'S EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION BUT SAID SMITH HAD NOT BEEN HELPFUL. RHODESIA COULD BECOME AN AREA OF BIG POWER CONFRONTATION. IF GUERRILLA FIGHTERS BRING IN THE RUSSIANS, MWALE SAID, U.S. WOULD BE FORCED TO INTERVENE, TOO. ZAMBIA APPRECIATES U.S. STAND ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA BUT CONSIDERS SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION AS A WHOLE TO BE "VERY GRAVE". KISSINGER

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